

Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board
December Monthly Meeting Notes
12/8/2021, by Zoom (Online and Telephone) Only
Open for public participation via Zoom at One Parkway,
17th Floor, Conference Room 17D

Board Members Present

Irwin “Sonny” Popowsky, Chair
Tony Ewing, Vice Chair
Abby Pozefsky

Non-Board Members Present

McCullough Williams III
Marlane Chestnut
Daniel W. Cantú-Hertzler
Carl Shultz
Ji Jun
Danielle Lavery
Robert Ballenger
Andre Dasent
Susan Crosby
Steven Liang

Mr. Popowsky called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

1. The meeting began with introduction of Mr. McCullough “Mac” Williams III, chosen by the Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Sade Olanipekun-Lewis as a Water Rate Board member. Mr. Williams was currently awaiting final approval by City Council. Mr. Williams is the President of Xponance, Inc., previously the FIS Group. He has a distinguished career in both public and private finance and looks forward to working with the Rate Board.

2. Mr. Popowsky introduced the draft minutes from the October 12, 2021 monthly meeting. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes without corrections or additions. Ms. Pozefsky seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 3 ayes.

3. Mr. Popowsky asked the Water Department for the tentative schedule of its upcoming 2022 Special Rate Proceeding and TAP-R Proceeding. Mr. Dasent stated that the Department intended to file its Advance Notices on January 19, 2022, followed by its Formal Notices on February 18, 2022. If the Special Rate Proceeding – filed pursuant to the Board-approved settlement for potential adjustment of the rates set to go into effect on September 1, 2022 – is able to run according to schedule the Rate Board would make a rate determination on or before June 17, 2022 to conclude the Proceeding. The annual TAP-R Proceeding would also be filed in January 2022 and aim for a completion date of April 19, 2022.

The Hearing Officer, Ms. Chestnut, made note that while the Special Rate Proceeding and the TAP-R Proceeding would be running in parallel, they were separate Proceedings and needed

to be treated as such. She stated that special care would be needed to inform the public about the differences between the two and the separate events taking place in each.

4. The Board scheduled monthly meetings through June 2022 for the second Wednesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. attendable online and via phone, with the possibility of in-person attendance as well. The meetings are scheduled for:

January 12th, 2022

February 9th, 2022

March 9th, 2022

April 13th, 2022

May 11th, 2022

June 8th, 2022

A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 15th for the purpose of voting and any other issues arising in the 2022 Special Rate Proceeding.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.